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Rep. Greene: Bill To Allow Residents To Import Wine Moving Forward



Would Address Issues Raised By Monday's Supreme Court Decision

Hartford, CT-State Rep. Len Greene (R-105th), today said that leaders of the Legislature's General Law Committee will meet shortly to craft legislation that will allow Connecticut residents to purchase wine from out-of-state wineries. The legislation will address issues raised by the recent U.S Supreme Court decision regarding the consumers, said Rep. Greene.

On Monday, May 16, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states cannot prohibit consumers from buying wine directly from out-of-state wineries. The court ruled that bans against direct sales unconstitutionally discriminate against interstate commerce. The decision was hailed as a victory for consumers and who have been prevented from purchasing wine shipped from out of state.

Rep. Greene, who serves as Ranking Member (House Republican Leader) of the General Law committee noted that the committee approved legislation designed to address these issues, anticipating the Supreme Court decision. Senate Bill 122, An Act Concerning The Shipment Of Wine To State Residents, currently sits at the Foot of the Senate calendar but is expected to be amended in the coming weeks before the Legislature adjourns on June 8.

"We did anticipate what was the eventual outcome to the Supreme Court case," said Rep. Greene. "The legislation that will be introduced will address issues, such as preventing underage drinkers from illegally purchasing alcohol from out of state, and I look forward to working for its passage in the next three weeks."

Rep. Greene represents Beacon Falls, Seymour and Ansonia in the House of Representatives.